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Department of Livestock Helena, Montana

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Thomas Linfield, DVM State Veterinarian Animal Health Division Scott Hart Building Post Office Box 202001 Helena, Montana 59620-2001

Dear Dr. Linfield:

Due to the recent positive cases of cattle Brucellosis in your state, effective immediately, cattle imported from Montana into Georgia will require the following:

Brucellosis Class A States: Idaho, Montana, Texas and Wyoming

- A. Permit, Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and individual identification (USDA approved metal eartag, registry brand or registry tattoo) required except on steers, spayed heifers and slaughter cattle. Telephone Number 404-656-3667.
- B. Female cattle of dairy breeds four (4) months of age or older must satisfy one of the following:
 - 1. Be an official brucellosis calfhood vaccinate, or
 - 2. Originate from a brucellosis certified herd, or
 - 3. Originate directly from the farm of a bona fide dairy herd in a brucellosis free state
- C. Brucellosis test eligibility: All cattle regardless of calfhood vaccination status must be tested for brucellosis if eighteen (18) months of age or older. Card Test OK.

Please make sure that practitioners in your state are notified of this change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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